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1. IF QUERIED RE STATEMENT REPORTEDLY ISSUED BY CONGRESSMAN WOLFF ABOUT AID-FUNDED STERILIZATION PROGRAM IN THAILAND, MISSION PROPOSES ISSUING FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QTE. THE U.S. EMBASSY DENIES CATEGORICALLY THAT STERILIZATION PROGRAMS IN THAILAND, FUNDED BY AID WASHINGTON, WERE IMPROPERLY SUPERVISED AND THAT TRIBAL PEOPLES WERE UNDERGOING STERILIZATION TREATMENT WITHOUT BEING ADVISED OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE STERILIZATION PROCEDURE.

QTE. THE EMBASSY DREW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT TWO INSPECTORS FROM WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY LOOKED INTO UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE COURSE OF A ROUTINE REVIEW OF THE THAI NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM. THESE OFFICERS RECEIVED NO COMPLAINTS FROM PERSONS WHO HAD RECEIVED TREATMENT NOR HAD THEY UNCOVERED ANY EVIDENCE OF IMPROPER SUPERVISION OR COERCION.

QTE. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT ONLY 300 WOMEN OF THE AKHA TRIBE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THAILAND, POPULATION OF WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 18,000, HAD UNDERGONE STERILIZATION TREATMENT AND EACH HAD ALREADY HAD THREE OR MORE CHILDREN. UNQTE.

2. SEPTEL FOLLOWS PROVIDING DETAILS OF DRAFT RESPONSES TO CONGRESSMAN WOFLFF'S STATEMENT. WHITEHOUSE

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